Sub-committee of National Development Council

1356. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a sub-committee of the National Development Council (Lanthan Wala Committee) has suggested that an educational cess be levied on the urban and rural sources of revenue and various incomes and properties;

(b) if so, whether the universities are likely to overcome their financial crisis as a result thereof;

(c) whether any, decision has been taken on the recommendation of the Committee by Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of the Committee do not include issues pertaining to University/Higher Education and are confined to the field of literacy.

(c) to (e) The Report was placed before the National Development Council and the Council inter-alia had considered the report. Endorsing the recommendations of the Literacy Report, the National Developmnet Council Committee directed that a meeting of Chief Ministers should be convened for further discussions and to work out an Action Plan for effective implementation of the recommendations.

Meeting of the National Development Council

1357. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the meeting of the National Development Council was held in Delhi recently; and

(b) if so, what are the reports of the panels discussed by it and the conclusions arrived at on the panel reports with details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Forty Sixth Meeting of the National Development Council was held in New Delhi on 18th September, 1993 under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister.

(b) The Reports of four NDC sub-Committees on Employment, Population, Literacy and Micro-level Planning and Involvement of People at Grass-root Level and also a paper on "Education for all" were discussed in the meeting. The NDC endorsed the recommendations of its above mentioned sub-Committees, and directed the nodal ministries viz. Human Resource Development for Literacy and Education for all, Health & Family Welfare for Population and Planning Commission for Micro-level Planning and Employment generation to initiate further action.

Demand of Funds for Gujarat Electricity Board

1358. SHRI CHIMAN BHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat have requested for a certain amount from the Union Government for the Gujarat Electricity Board;

(b) if so, the amount provided by the Planning Commission to the Board for the implementation of various small/medium hydel power projects during the year 1993-94 and 1994-95 and so on date; and

(c) the percentage of the amount released so far in each year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The Central Government has been normally providing block Plan assistance to the State for